



WEDNESDAY WRAP-UP

Of the Geneva, New York Rotary Club

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**Wednesday,
August 21,
2019**

Next week:
Tour at Smith Opera House

President Mary Lawthers led the pledge, Four-Way Test, and gave the invocation

Five Minute Interview

Carol Chester and Bill Flood highlighted some surprising similarities:

- Both Geneva natives grew up in the same Geneva neighborhood.
- They both attended St. Francis grammar school and as kids, played at Richards playground.
- Both attended college (Bill to Tri-State in Indiana, Carol to SUNY Fredonia) after graduating from Geneva and DeSales High Schools.
- Bill paused his education to join the Navy for four years while Carol attended SUNY Fredonia and got her first teaching job in Penn Yan.
- Bill was assigned to submarine school in Key West where he met his future wife, Jerri. Bill returned to complete his education at Tri-State where he and Jerri were married.
- Bill's career in the trucking industry took them to Toledo, Ohio, Penn Yan, and eventually to Port Gibson. In the late 70s, Bill and Jerri moved to Geneva where their two children (Melissa and Kevin) were educated.
- Later, Bill and Jerri enjoyed 20 years of living along the shores of Lake Ontario, commuting to their jobs.
- Carol continued to enjoy a career in teaching in Penn Yan, grades 7-12, and traveled extensively by organizing trips abroad for her students and parents from Penn Yan.
- Bill retired in 2008, and in 2017 he and Jerri moved back to Geneva.
- Flashing back to the summer of 1997, Carol met Kevin Flood's fiancée while working at Fox Run Winery. Carol and Mike Rusinko got engaged at the end of that summer and were guests at Melissa Kundert and Kevin Flood's wedding! This took Bill by complete surprise....ha!

- Both Bill and Carol joined Rotary as retirees. Bill's sponsor is long-time friend Jim Dickson and Carol's is her loving husband Mike Rusinko. Bill and Jerri will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in March, 2020 while Carol and Mike will celebrate their 21st anniversary in December, 2020.
- Bill recently drove by the old St. Francis Grammar school and discovered that it is being converted to senior housing. Could this end up being a full neighbor circle???

Next interview: Joyce Archer and Peter Einset for Wednesday, September 4.

Visiting Rotarian

Norm Lee, Bradenton, Florida

Guests

- Jen Woznick, guest of Karen Luttrell from Bank of the FLX
- Emily McFadden, guest of Bob McFadden and co-president of Interact at Geneva High School , 2019-2020
- Kelly Densley, today's speaker from the Social Security Administration

Announcements

- August 28th Rotary meeting is the Smith Opera House tour. 30 have signed up for a boxed lunch. Meet there by noon.
- Hoedown for Hunger, the proceeds from which help fund the community lunch program, will be Thursday, September 12 at Geneva on the Lake. For tickets, contact Shad Cook, Rich Kasulke, John Watson, Ellen Wayne
- Jim Dickson read a thank you note from Kathy Ryrko (from the Jim Dooley Childcare Center) in appreciation for Geneva Rotary's support in manning the Castle Street water station for the annual Cubby Chase.
- Jim Dickson reminded us that the Eastern Cities Dinner is scheduled for September 23rd in Rochester. Geneva Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Tickets are available at www.rochesterrotary.org Click on "events" and scroll down. Register BEFORE September 5th and save \$5 from the ticket price.
- Jim also announced that Nigeria is officially Polio Free since there have been no cases in three years. Unfortunately, Pakistan and Afghanistan reported 65 new cases.
- President Mary reminded us that the policy of Geneva Rotary Club is to keep your 50/50 winnings. However, if you would prefer to donate your winnings, please do so privately at the end of each meeting.

50/50 Won by Ruth Leo today, sharing \$44 for Polio Plus and \$44 for the raffle winner.

Happy Dollars

- Mary Lawthers officiated at her grand-daughter's wedding in Massachusetts.
- Dave Cook: dollars for all those Geneva Rotarians who helped at Camp Onseyawa
- Rich Kasulke enjoyed an Adirondack camp visit from his son who is an accomplished film director. Even though they didn't see much of their son, Rich and his wife are thrilled that his son's recent endeavor won best feature film, as well as best acting.
- Mike Rusinko officiated at the wedding of Rotarian Margaret Wiant's son John and his fiancée Julie last weekend at Ventosa.
- Bill Buell finally scored 3 wins at Tuesday Bingo at Ashton Place for a totally of ten cents a game!
- Jim Adams has returned to Geneva following a successful and safe summer at Camp Delaware in the Catskills.
- Neil Sjoblom was late to Rotary today because he was waiting at the Smith Opera House for the rest of the Club. He'll be early next week.
- Helen Kelley performed in a concert last Sunday which combined opera and choral music. Over 300 people attended in Baldwinsville. Helen regularly sings in this choir.

Program

Today's Speaker: Kelly Densley from the Social security Administration Office in Geneva

Dave Cook introduced Kelly as his "final hire" before he retired from the SS Office. Kelly presented a basic rundown of frequently asked SS questions. She outlined the ins and outs of retirement ages, survivor benefits to spouses, Medicare A and B, life-changing events relating to health insurance, dependants, documentation, probable changes due to increasing life expectancy, when to file, earnings limits, filing on line, and so-called "danger countries" should one decide to move out of the US. She reminded us that COLA is controlled by Congress, not the SS Administration and Dave added that the SS Administration does not ROBO call anyone.

Contact the local SS office at 866 331 7759 to make an appointment.

Submitted by Carol Chester

<p>Four way test: "Of the things we think, say or do:"</p> <p><i>1. Is it The Truth?</i> <i>2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?</i> <i>3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?</i> <i>4. Will it be beneficial for All Concerned?</i></p>			
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